

SECRET SOCIETY LICENSES HELD UP

Associations Are Asked for Evidence of Their Status in Virginia.

WILL INSPECT MILITARY

Army Officer in Richmond To-day—Saunders on Educational Commission.

From twelve to fifteen fraternal beneficiary associations doing business in Virginia are at least temporarily out of business, because the renewal of their licenses is being held up by the Bureau of Insurance. Unless they come forward with the necessary evidence that they are complying with the laws of the State, they will be unable to resume the solicitation of new members.

The department is proceeding very slowly this year with the granting of licenses, and every application is being scrutinized and judged on its own merits. Some of the secret orders which do an insurance business submitted the necessary proofs at the beginning of the year, and were duly licensed. Others are being held up. It may be worthy of remark that nearly all of these delinquent societies are composed of white people. Some of them have large memberships in this State and number many people who would be surprised to learn of the condition of affairs. One at least has its home office in Virginia.

Definite Requirements. Under the provisions of the law, every fraternal beneficiary society, before it is licensed, at the beginning of each year, must show that it has a lodge system and a representative form of government. If it has not a lodge system, it is an association doing a straight insurance business and must pay taxes accordingly, and if it has not a real representative form of government, but is controlled by officers and standing committees in its grand bodies, it is not regarded as a desirable citizen.

Actuary Isaac Davenport sent out circular letters on December 12 informing each society what was expected of it, so all have had due notice.

Additional circulars were sent out on February 7 to those whose titles are not yet clear. Commissioner Joseph Sutton is determined to enforce the law.

INSPECTION TO-DAY

United States Army Officer Will Examine State Militia. Captain G. E. Thorne, from the headquarters of the Department of the East, Governor's Island, N. Y., will be in Richmond to-day to make the annual United States inspection of the principal offices of the Virginia militia. Captain Thorne will to-day examine the offices of Adjutant-General W. W. Sale, Assistant Inspector-General J. Lane Stern, and the State Arsenal and storeroom. He will report to Major-General Frederick Dent Grant, the department commander. Later the different commands will be inspected by other officers detailed for that purpose. The headquarters of the First Brigade, in Norfolk, will be inspected tomorrow by Captain Thorne.

Will Engrave Deed. Attorney-General Samuel W. Williams is endeavoring to secure the services of some penman to make an engraved copy of the deed from the Commonwealth to the Confederate Memorial Association for the site for the Confederate Memorial Institute. The idea is to have a handsome copy for permanent preservation among the archives of the Confederacy. There is no hitch in the execution of the transfer.

Saunders on Commission. Governor Mann yesterday appointed Senator John R. Saunders, of Middlesex county, as a member of the Virginia Educational Commission. He succeeds Congressman-Elect E. E. Holland, who has resigned from the commission. The duty of this commission is to "devise a stable method for the maintenance, management and expansion of the educational institutions of the State." It now has under consideration a bill tax system for the support of higher institutions of learning.

Interest in Institutes. In a letter to the Department of Agriculture, Institute Director J. J. Owen states that 500 people attended the farm at Princess Anne Courthouse on Monday, and that the interest was very gratifying.

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TWO KILLED BY TRAIN.

Man and His Wife Struck by Monster Mallet at Switchback.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Roanoke, Va., February 14.—Joseph Spere and his wife, Karama Labs Spere, were struck by a monster mallet engine at Switchback Sunday morning and instantly killed. The couple who had been walking the track, stepped off the westbound track to escape an oncoming light engine, and stepped directly onto the eastbound track, on which a freight was approaching them, unknown to either the man or his wife. The escaping steam from the light engine blurred the view of the oncoming freight, and the eastbound track to such an extent that the engineer could not see the people ahead of him, and the huge mallet engine crept on them and mowed them down.

HELD UP AND ROBBED.

Aged Man Attacked by Two Men on Road Near Honaker.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Roanoke, Va., February 14.—Robert Richardson, an elderly man, was held up and robbed about five miles from Honaker yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock by two unknown men who beat him over the head, and while he was in a semi-conscious state robbed him of \$50, which he was carrying. The robbery and assault occurred at a lonely spot on Lewis Creek, and it was some time before the news was carried to Honaker, from which point Henry Richardson, a son of the man who had been robbed, telegraphed for bloodhounds to trail the robbers.

NEAR-BEER BILL PASSES SENATE

Measure Goes Back to House for Concurrence in Amendments.

TO CHANGE HOSPITAL NAME

Measure Introduced Is Aimed at A. C. L. Relief Department.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., February 14.—The Senate debated for two hours to-day the Kent bill, from the House, prohibiting near beer in North Carolina; passed it on its final reading, and sent it back to the House for concurrence in some minor amendments. The vote for the bill on final reading was 51 to 3. Senator Boyden stirred mirth by offering as a substitute a resolution providing that any members of the North Carolina Legislature of 1905-1911, inclusive, who have voted for prohibition measure, and taken a drink of vinous, spirituous or malt liquors shall be guilty of felony, and be punished by death.

The House passed the Battle bill, to allow cities and towns to amend and change charters at will by vote of the people. It passed its final reading, and was sent to the Senate. Senator Quick introduced a bill to change the name of the Western Hospital at Morganton, to Murphy Memorial State Hospital.

The Connor bill, to prevent railroad employees from being members of relief associations, was displaced as a special order, and referred to the two Judiciary committees for additional report. The House Committee on Public Service, Corporations has decided upon a favorable report for the Pace bill, that would make it unlawful for any railroad company to exact from any railroad employee any portion of their wages for the maintenance of hospital, relief associations or similar departments, and making such action a punishable offense of a railroad company punishable by fine of \$100 to \$500. This is aimed, it is said, at the Atlantic Coast Line relief department especially. It is said, too, that the bill being made against this organization is inspired by national labor brotherhoods, that are seeking to get on permanent and general country-wide basis their insurance features, which reflect organizations such as that of the Coast Line, hampers considerably.

Purity of Elections. A bill has been pending for some time to make the purchase of votes and similar offenses against the purity of elections in the State felonies, instead of misdemeanors, is to have a favorable report. Rather, a substitute bill to this effect is to be reported by Judiciary Committee. Another bill for the Ewart bill. Other sections of the Ewart bill, including payment of poll tax and granting immunity to witnesses for prosecution, are stricken out, and the substitute made to simply amend Revised of 1905, section 338.

The Joint Committee on Fisheries and Game is at work on a substitute for the Fish Commission bill, and expect to complete their labors and be ready to report within a day or two. The Senate committee is headed by Chairman Martin, of Washington, and the House committee by Chairman Doughton, of Allegheny. They are modifying the original bill, and perfecting it so that it will be the least objectionable to all parties.

Charters have been issued to the A. D. Brown Dry Goods Company, of Wilmington, capital \$125,000, to begin business with \$40,000. Incorporators: A. D. Brown, L. C. McClellan and Thos. W. Harrison. Swan Quarter Fish and Oyster Company, of Swan Quarter, Hyde Company, capital \$10,000, to begin business with \$500. Incorporators: Clifford Harris, of Pantego, C. C. Jackson, of Fine Town, and William Swindell, of Swan Quarter. Ramsour Pharmacy, of Ramsour, capital \$20,000, to begin business with \$2,000. Incorporators: H. E. Carter, N. F. Nash and C. E. Smith, of Ramsour, also to the A. E. Johnson Manufacturing Company, of Spotsylvania, to manufacture medical preparations, capital \$10,000, to begin business with \$2,000. Incorporators: A. S. Johnson, W. W. Cole and R. M. Nowell. The Dr. W. W. Cole and R. M. Nowell, of Lexington, amends its charter, increasing its capital stock from \$150,000 to \$200,000. C. A. Hunt is president.

The body of Mallory Faucett, former railroad conductor, of Seaboard Air Line, and for some time past connected with one of the woodyards here, who was killed late last night by a street car, was carried to Durham this afternoon for interment. He had a mother and sister living in Durham.

Sale of Cigarettes. The McPhaul bill to prohibit the sale of cigarettes in North Carolina, pending for some time before the House Committee on Health, of which Dr. McPhaul is himself chairman, has received an unfavorable report, in spite of a remarkable plea for the measure that Dr. McPhaul made in the House. It is possible that Dr. McPhaul will present a minority report in order to get the bill before the House in spite of the unfavorable report. The argument that seemed to sway the committee was that the bill would reach against the tobacco growers of North Carolina and then fail to accomplish the end that the advocates of the measure desired to attain, just as, in the language of one member of the committee, "the State prohibition law fails to prevent the use of whiskey in the State."

The Ewart bill to provide for inspection of all whiskeys and other intoxicants shipped into North Carolina, and imposing an inspection tax of 25 cents per gallon, was considered at considerable length by the House Committee on Liquor Traffic. Mr. Ewart represented to the committee that there were shipped into North Carolina during the past year not less than three-quarters of a million gallons of intoxicants, and a great part of it was adulterated, and in inspection, much as the oil inspection is maintained. The committee finally concluded that the bill properly belonged to the Judiciary Committee, and decided to return it to the House for reference to that committee.

The movement for a great central highway through Central North Carolina, from Beaufort to the Tennessee line, crystallized to-day in the Central Highway Convention, with fifteen counties represented.

The road would be 400 miles long. A bill authorizing the counties to provide \$10 per mile toward the expense of construction was prepared to be passed by the Legislature. R. P. Varner, editor of Southern Good Roads, was made permanent chairman.

COMPROMISE IS REACHED. Restoration of Fast Mail Service on Southern Railway.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Bristol, Va., February 14.—Following the delay and confusion on the fast mail service between the East and the South, occasioned by an order of the Southern Railway, cutting the mail cars out of the Washington, Chattanooga and Atlanta trains here, and at Chattanooga Monday, a compromise was effected to-day whereby the service was restored. Local officials of the railway would give out no details regarding the nature of the agreement.

Johnson-Altenburg. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Spotsylvania, Va., February 14.—George B. Johnson, of Mt. Pleasant, and Miss Inez Altenburg, of Snell, Spotsylvania county, were married at

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the residence of the bride's parents on Sunday last, the Rev. E. P. Hawkins, of the Baptist Church, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David F. Altenburg, of Spotsylvania county. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will reside in Spotsylvania county.

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PLANS FILED FOR MAMMOTH STORE

Five-Story Fireproof Building at Seventh and Grace Streets.

Plans were filed yesterday in the office of the Building Inspector for the erection of a five-story brick and concrete building at the northeast corner of Seventh and Grace Streets, to cost \$120,000. Excavations for the enormous basement are already nearly completed. The plans have been prepared by Architect Charles L. Bryant, and the building will be erected by John T. Wilson, incorporated. The property belongs to Thalhimer Bros., and has been leased for a term of years to Sydnor & Hundley. The original plans were drawn some months ago for a three-story building, but were revised to make it five stories and basement, and to provide for fireproof construction throughout. The store will front 12 feet 10 inches on Grace Street, almost opposite the main entrance of the Southern Bell Telephone Company. It sits back along Seventh Street 15 feet 6 inches, between parallel lines to an alley, the Seventh Street front facing directly the new Young Men's Christian Association.

The structure, when completed, will stand seventy-eight feet above the curb line. The building code provides that all buildings sixty-five feet or more in height must be of fireproof construction.

Other New Structures.

Plans for new buildings were filed yesterday as follows:

Miss Dora E. and L. R. Allen, to erect a two-story brick dwelling, 2102 Stuart Avenue, to cost \$5,000.

Mrs. R. B. McDowell, to erect a two-story frame store and dwelling on the north side of Venable Street, between Tulip and Pink Streets, to cost \$2,400.

Permits issued.

Repair permits were issued yesterday as follows:

Mrs. Lisette Heller, to repair a frame dwelling, 5041-2 West Baker Street, to cost \$500.

P. Whitlock, to repair a brick dwelling, 6 South Sixth Street, to cost \$350.

Richmond Transfer Company, to repair and enlarge brick garage, 103 West Canal Street, to cost \$550.

Approaching Marriage.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Spotsylvania, Va., February 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Pendleton, of Seatonsville, have announced the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Carrie, to Rev. Thomas S. Green, of the Wichita Methodist Conference, Kansas. The wedding will be celebrated in a few days at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Inez D. Harris, in Wichita, Kansas.

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Curious what a scrap you have now and then (maybe two or three "nows" and several "thens") with what the old Scotchman called the "deevlish part" of your make-up.

It's safe to say "you" and not miss the mark, for we all belong to the same lodge, and it seems to be a part of some great plan to try us out and see if we can thus earn the right to rule greater things.

Most every day some one of the many "warriors of the enemy" come across your pathway and puts up a scrap to see if he can rule.

You must be well trained and alert or he will make you bend the knee or, perhaps, break a leg or permanently cripple you.

There are several of these "enemies" which can be named over, but for the purpose of this article let us speak of the narcotics, the family which includes morphine, whiskey, coffee, cocaine, tea, tobacco, etc., all the same family, each member having a different degree of strength.

Now, coffee is perhaps one of the most plausible and deceitful of them all.

It has many friends, but coolly and cunningly knives them, and they don't know where the blow comes from.

Many and many a poor, nervous wreck, with weak heart, suffers by day and lies sleepless at night without suspecting that his "dear old friend," Mr. Coffee is quietly pushing him along towards the silent city. No, coffee don't hurt every one by any manner of means, but it does pick out the highly organized individuals and wrecks them by the score.

Perhaps the victim realizes it, but has fallen time and again in the battle and been whipped so often that he has given up and bowed the head to the chain of his master.

"I simply cannot give up my coffee," is the wail, and so day by day he grovels and the master stretches him a few turns tighter on the rack of suffering.

Make sure of one thing. Once you become conscious of the fact that a fight is on, suffering follows steadily until you are able to rule.

Then comes the reward—comfort, health and happiness for the victor.

It is good work to stand right up and smash away with a "mailed fist," but it's much more comfortable to whip Mr. Coffee by throwing him "right over the side of the mountain" and give his place to Postum.

A steaming, fragrant cup of this famous beverage has the clear seal-brown color which changes to a rich golden brown under cream.

Ofttimes the victory of one's better self over a known enemy is followed quickly by remarkable changes—peaceful sleep, balanced nerves, stronger heart, and all the joy which comes after the removal of a drug and its replacement with natural food elements which old Dame Nature is only too glad to seize upon for the building material so badly needed and so long denied.

Well, here's best wishes to you, reader. Hope you don't get "licked" too often; it's weakening.

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